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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF BULGARIA/US GIFA

1. IN CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER MATTER, BULGARIAN STATE FISHING ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL RAISED PROBLEM OF ABSENCE OF LARGE ENOUGH BYCATCHES OF SOME SPECIES PREVENTING COUNTRY FROM FISHING ITS FULL ALLOCATED QUOTA OF ANOTHER SPECIES.

2. CASE IN POINT WAS BULGARIAN VESSEL "FIZALIA," FISHING IN ZONE 05 FOR SILVER HAKE, WHICH HAD TO LEAVE FISHING AREA EARLY WITHOUT HAVING CAUGHT ITS QUOTA OF HAKE BECAUSE IT HAD EXHAUSTED ITS 11-TON MACKEREL BYCATCH. BULGARIAN OFFICIAL SAID THAT SHIP HAD NOT ALTERED ITS METHOD OF FISHING IN ANY WAY FROM PREVIOUS YEAR DURING WHICH IT HAD CAUGHT ITS QUOTA OF SILVER HAKE WITHOUT EXHAUSTING ITS BYCATCH ALLOCATIONS.

3. EMBASSY REPORTS THIS CASE AS POSSIBLY PART OF A PATTERN SUGGESTING THAT RATIO OF MACKEREL BYCATCH ALLOCATION TO SILVER HAKE ALLOCATION SHOULD BE MODIFIED IN FUTURE OVERALL ALLOCATIONS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THIS PROBLEM.

4. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY IF WE CAN MAKE ANY RESPONSE TO BULGARIANS ON THIS MATTER.

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